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Status of other directions of CAT

Sl.No.	Case No. OA No.	In the matter of	Date of judgement	Status of the case
1.	Tech/50-18-361 OA 1598/93	Kanwar Pal Panwar V/S. UOI regarding regularisation of Qr.	102-94	RA was filed by the Deptt. which has been rejected. Now the implementation is under process.
2.	Tech/50-18-343 OA 654/93	Fateh Singh V/S. UOI regarding grant to pro-rata retirement benefits.	21-2-94	RA was filed by the Deptt. which has been rejected. Now the implementation is under process.

Telephone Exchange in Ranjit Hotel

7920. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the present telephone exchange at Ranjit Hotel installed;

(b) what was the expenditure of installation and the rental of the equipment;

(c) how many lines are connected to the exchange;

(d) how many extensions are there in the exchange;

(e) whether the exchange is functioning properly, if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) how many times the Hotel management approached MTNL for replacement of the present sick dilapidated exchange; and

(g) what action has since been initiated to replace the present exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The PABX exchange at Ranjit Hotel in Delhi was installed in 1970.

(b) As this is a very old case, the expenditure incurred on installation is not available. The rental per annum at present is Rs. 3,56,100/-.

(c) 35 main exchange lines are terminated on the PABX.

(d) 300 extensions are working from the PABX.

(e) The exchange is woking satisfactorily. However, the exchange is of strowger technology and is 26 years old.

(f) and (g) The Ranjit Hotel management had requested MTNL to replace the existing exchange with a modern electronic PABX. However, as per present guidelines of DOT, MTNL, is not providing EPABXs, and customers are to provide their own EPABXs. Therefore, replacement of PABX by an EPABX shall have to be done by Ranjit Hotel themselves.

Strike by Bhartiya Postal Employees Union, Gujarat

7921. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bhartiya Postal Employees Union Class III, Gujarat Circle, had gone on hunger strike in the month of March, 1995;

(b) if so, what were their demands;

(c) whether Government are not viewing their genuine demands seriously; and

(d) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Demands related to sanctioning Justified posts & Tribal allowance, abolition of professional tax, change in days of observance of holidays, lifting restriction on overtime allowance, honararium for handling registered letters by Postmen, prorata wages to EDA's, stopping privatisation, postal formations restructuring provision of multi purpose computers and banning courier service.

(e) and (d) Orders have been issued granting tribal allowance for Gujarat Circle and delegation of choice of holidays to the Circle. Professional tax is levied by Gujarat Government and is outside Government of India's Jurisdiction. Other demands were of all India character and Circle Union should not have resorted to hunger strike as they were under discussion with their All India Unions.

Premises of Laxminagar Post office in Nagpur

7922. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Laxminagar Post Office in Nagpur has been removed from its former building and is temporarily relocated in Shankarnagar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the High Court of Nagpur has ordered payment of taxes to the former landlord;

(c) if so, whether the Department had opined that taxes should not be paid to the landlord, resulting in hardships to the residents of the area;

(d) whether the Post Office has acquired new premises and if so, where; and

(e) if not, by when the post Office would be located in the new premises?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Details are given in the Statement Attached. (*See* below).

(d) No Sir.

(e) Earnest efforts are being made to locate a suitable alternative accomodation. The Post Office shall be located in its new premises as and when a suitable accomodation is available on rent.

Statement

The premises housing Laxmi Nagar Post Office and belonging to the landlord of the building earlier occupied by the Department was taken on rent at the rate of Rs. 2070/- per month inclusive of taxes w.e.f. 19-09-80. The High Court of Bombay, Nagpur Bench, in WP No. 1293 of 1990 passed a judgement on 22.07.91 fixing of fair rent of Rs. 6000/- p.m. effective from 01.12.1987, inclusive of taxes. The High Court also ordered that any rise in the taxes after 14.09.80 shall be borne by the Respondents, i.e. the Department of Post.

Accordingly, the amount of enhanced taxes from 14.09.80 to 30.11.87 was paid to the former landlord on